

refers to overcrowding, not giving way to Waitomo Caves School children, passing around of keys between extended whanau, dropping of pool level, rubbish, nappies, beer bottles in pool area, benches in pool, cars in grounds, climbing pool fence. The pool will be open for student's instructional swimming when school re-opens after the summer break in February.

## Community News

**Otorohanga Parent's Centre** is holding a Pre-loved Toy Sale! Sunday 25 Nov, 9.30 – 12.30pm at the Otorohanga Parents Centre Hall, Kakamutu Rd, (opp pools). To donate toys Ph Larna 0274995481 or Sam 07 8731815.

**Lime for Schools** Wealleans and McDonald's Lime donate money to our school through their Lime for Schools promotion. In order for us to benefit could you nominate **Waitomo Caves School** if you get Lime spread on your property. We have recently received \$188 from them.

**Otorohanga Library** is running 'The Great Book Mystery' over the summer. Open to children aged 6 to 12 years. To register phone 07 873 7175.

**Waitomo Trail Bike Ride** Sunday 25 November at the Domain, registration from 8.30am onwards. Contact Shane Carr for more details 0272503660.

Piripiri School and Fish City **Annual Marokopa Fishing Competition** 5 January

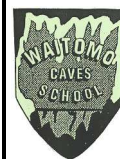
- Boat & Surf Casting Sections
- Casting competition at Marokopa Community Hall Grounds
- Sand Sculpting Competition & Raffles

Tickets available on the day at Marokopa Community Hall from 5am. Further enquiries phone Jenny Child 07 876 7814 or Sandra Gerrard 07 876 7879.

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

25 November	Waitomo Trail Bike Ride food stall fundraiser
29 November	WFPSA Athletics
28 November	Risers/chairs to be taken into the cave for choir
30 November	Maniapoto Primary School Kapa Haka Fest
2 December	Titiwai Kids Choir rehearsal in the cave
5 December	Ruben the Road Safety Bear visiting
7 December	School Reports
7-8 December	Titiwai Choir Carols in the Cave
11 December	Learning Conferences
12 December	Risers/chairs to be taken out of the cave
13 December	School Prizegiving
17 December	End of Term 4
18 December	Teachers Only Day
4 February 2013	School starts for Term 1, 2013

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# Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Four 2012

Week Six – 23 November

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

With only three weeks until the end of the school year there are several important dates coming up. Please refer to these throughout this newsletter and make a note in your calendars.

The Board recently sent home pink surveys regarding consultation and the schools Maori dimensions. Please complete these and return them to school on Monday.

Congratulations and well done Thomas, Siân, Keely and Kyah for running in the 2km race Round the Bridges in Hamilton over the weekend.

## 2013

Due to a variety of reasons people become transient and move on. As a result there are already several pre-enrolments for students and families wanting to come to Waitomo Caves School. This is obviously great news for our school and future roll returns as we about to go through the process of having a full time third teacher employed by the Ministry of Education. However, if you intend leaving the school we would really appreciate knowing as soon as possible so classes can be structured in a way that best caters for the needs of our children.



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## COP's Athletics

Congratulations to Ratapu, Angel, Blaze, Peta, Jessie and Kyah for competing at the COP's Athletics day in Otorohanga last week. For the Year 8 boys, Ratapu achieved 1<sup>st</sup> sprints, long jump, discus and 3<sup>rd</sup> shot put. In the Year 7 girls section Angel achieved 4<sup>th</sup> discus and shot put. The school relay team consisting of Ratapu, Angel, Blaze and Jessie were placed 3<sup>rd</sup> after a fantastic 4x100 sprint finishing just behind Otewa and St Mary's. Thank you to Myke, Vickie, and Jamie for transporting children and special thanks to James Batger for assisting me in the running of the sprints event. Both Ratapu and Angel qualify to compete in the Waikato Full Primary Schools Association Athletics event next Thursday. We wish them well for what will be a fantastic day of athletics.



## Bikes 'n' Trikes

Congratulations to the school team challenge participants Ratapu, Logan, John and Kyah. You did well as a team on the ergs and 12km bike ride. Thank you Marci for being a spontaneous marshal and Batch for supporting our riders. Congratulations and well done to the Bikes n Trikes participants Max, Siân, Reuben, Maddison, Seth, Van, Henry and Kate, your participation earns our school an ASB \$250 sports equipment prize for having the most entries from one school. Special congratulations to Kyah for winning a brand new bike!



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Steve Edwards for being nominated as 'Coach of the Year' at the Waitomo District Sports Awards. This awards evening is to be held at the Cultural & Arts Centre in Te Kuiti on Monday 26 November, 7.00pm. Tickets are \$20 (available at the Museum) which includes supper with guest speakers Laura Langman and Jackson Willison.

## School T-Shirts

Please ensure all school sports tops are returned to school by the end of next week. The Stormz team will still need theirs however everyone else must return them ASAP.

## Maniapoto Primary Schools Kapa Haka Festival

The whole school will be part of the audience at the Kapa Haka Festival on Friday 30 November at the Cultural & Arts Centre in Te Kuiti. Please complete the pink form.

## Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the food stall during the Silver Fern Rally. Thank you also to those families who provided lovely baking. The marshals did a great job, thank you Batch, Tamae, Lucas, Jade, Tanchia and Ben.

This Sunday we are providing food for spectators and riders at the Domain for the Waitomo Trail Bike event. Please come along and give a hand from 8.00am onwards, or do a burst at 2.00pm. Contact Pania for more details on 07 8738852.

We will be carrying the risers and chairs into the cave via the boats on Wednesday 28 November. Parents please meet at the caves at 4.30pm. The chairs and risers will be taken out of the cave on Wednesday 12 December starting 5.30pm. More the merrier, please come and help.

The fundraising committee have purchased additional sports tops so there will be enough for our growing roll. We also have shorts to wear with this top which completes our schools sports uniform.

## Board of Trustees News

The Board, Staff and students of Waitomo Caves School would like to share their sadness with Curly and Crusty about the loss of the Tavern. During this unfortunate occasion students have been learning from this opportunistic experience.

The Board wishes to advise our school community that the school pool will not open over the summer holiday period due to poor care from some users last season, not following the guidelines stipulated and not being allowed to use whanau trust driveway to access the pool paddock for safer parking. Poor care